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INHIBITING HERBICIDE RESISTANCE TO PLANTS BY GENE MANIPULATION

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2007, finally rejecting claims 48-65, 67, and 70-77, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.